THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The identification of villages for taking up the electrification works is undertaken by the concerned State Electricity Boards/Electricity Departments. The electrification of far flung hill, tribal and remote villages is taken up both under REC funded and States Plan Programme. The Rural Electrification Corporation for 1997-98 propose to electrify 500 tribal villages under Tribal Sub-Plan. Besides electrification of other hilly and remote villages is covered under the normal programme.

Revival of AMPCs in Gujarat

3623. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal for revival of Centrally sponsored scheme under the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee Act, 1963;

(b) whether the State Government has also requested for financial assistance for the revival of about 171 marketing committees already set up under the Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government thereon and financial assistance proposed to be given to be State Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Programme on Golden Jubilee

3624. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any committee has been constituted for the telecast of programmes relating to the golden Jubilee celebration of India's independence on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, terms of reference of the said committee;

(c) the funds spent on each episode of the commissioned programmes of Doordarshan;

(d) the reasons for selling the episodes of the commissioned programmes by some officers holding special posts in the Doordarshan;

(e) the amount in lakhs of rupees given to a particular person of the Human Resource Development Ministry to provide information on those events occuring between 1857 to 1947 which are lesser thrown; and

(f) the reasons and justification for providing such a huge amount under this head?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) A committee headed by the Director General, Doordarshan and consisting of all Deputy Directors General and Controllers of Programmes in Doordarshan has been formed to approve the themes and programmes relating to Golden Jubilee celebration of India's Independence.

(c) The details are as under :

National Network	Rs. 2.50 lakhs per episode
Regional Kendras	Rs. 2.00 lakhs par episode

(d) There is no information available relating to sale of episodes of commissioned programmes by anybody.

(e) and (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discretionary Quota of Telephone Connection

3625. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discretionary quota of telephone connections of all Members of Parliament has been scrapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore this facility; and

(d) if so, by when this facility is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[English]

Mobilisation of Funds

3626. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the target for mobilisation of funds by the IRFC during the current year both from Domestic and Foreign Market;